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THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, January 9, 1917.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature assembled this day in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the city of Austin; and, at 12 o'clock meridian, Hon. Churchill J. Bartlett, Secretary of State, called the Honorable House to order.

Seated on the Speaker's stand with the Honorable Secretary of State were the following persons: Hon. Chester H. Terrell and Hon. John W. Woods, former Speakers of the House of Representatives, Captain W. R. Davie, Hon. John L. Wortham, Hon. F. C. Weinert, and Hon. D. A. Gregg, former Secretaries of State, and Rev. R. J. Briggs, D. D., pastor of the First Congregational Church, of Austin.

Reverend Briggs, by invitation of the Honorable Secretary of State, invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon the assembling of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

For the purposes of temporary organization, the Honorable Secretary appointed the following temporary officers and employees:

Chief Clerk: Bob Barker.
Sergeant-at-Arms: W. L. Escavaille.
Assistants Sergeant-at-Arms: John M. Payne, J. D. Jarrett, L. P. Archer, Stuart Francis.
Reading Clerk: O. P. Basford.
Assistant Reading Clerk: T. B. Reese.
Journal Clerk: J. L. Robinson.
Assistant Journal Clerk: Noel K. Brown.
Doorkeeper: J. K. Lane.

Assistants Doorkeeper: H. T. Dunaway, B. F. Harigel.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms in the Gallery: W. W. Williams.

Pages: Jesse Wilson, Jr., John Alexander, Doran Yancey, Emory Williams, Roy Gassaway, Elbroke Senburg, Jack Foster, Norvel Sharp, George Estes, Joe White, Walter Madison, Millard Vickery, Paul Bledsoe, Roe Alexander, Douglas McGregor, Ernest Denny, Mike Davis, Carson Wilkerson, Paschal Buford, Wilmer Phillips, Morrison Laird, Gentry Wright, Harold Sullivan, Jas. Jones, Shirley Bones, B. B. Henderson, Adolph Vesperman, Cullen Baggett, Warren McMordie, Mike Kline, Chauncey Eanes, Tinsley Penick, Alsey Miller, H. P. Depew, Roy-George, George Terrell, Jack Straus.

ROLL OF COUNTIES CALLED.

The Honorable Secretary then directed the temporary Chief Clerk to call the roll of counties of the State in alphabetical order.

As the roll was called, the members-elect who were present answered to the names of the counties of their residence, in the order shown in the following list:

Anderson—John R. Moore.
Angelina—I. D. Fairchild.
Austin—H. J. Miller, Leonard Tilotson.
Bastrop—J. O. Smith.
Bell—W. R. Butler, Frank F. Lindemann.
Bexar—Otto Wahrmond, Eugene Nordhaus, Edward H. Lange, Wm. Schlesinger.
Bosque—Fred E. Morris.
Bowie—J. A. Dodd, R. H. Jones.
Brazoria—W. T. Williams.
Brewster—M. M. McFarland.
Brooks—Dr. L. P. Strayhorn.
Brown—H. P. Taylor.
Caldwell—C. F. Richards.

- Calhoun—Dr. Fred J. Roemer.
 Cameron—J. T. Canales.
 Cass—W. P. Lanier.
 Cherokee—George B. Terrell.
 Childress—W. D. Cope.
 Clay—C. W. Boner.
 Coleman—Henry Sackett.
 Collin—Woodville Rogers, C. M. Spradley.
 Collingsworth—R. L. Templeton.
 Comal—Louis H. Scholl.
 Comanche—B. F. Cadenhead.
 Cooke—J. C. Murrell.
 Coryell—W. V. Dunnam.
 Dallas—John E. Davis, J. W. Parks.
 Chas. O. Laney, Barry Miller, J. A. Florer.
 Denton—C. G. Thomas.
 De Witt—A. C. Hartman.
 Eastland—D. J. Neill.
 Ellis—W. E. Cox, Jack Johnson.
 El Paso—R. E. Thomason, R. M. Dudley.
 Erath—Henry Clark.
 Falls—Charles B. Monday.
 Fannin—John M. Raiden.
 Fayette—George L. Haidusek.
 Foard—W. S. Bell.
 Freestone—R. L. Williford.
 Galveston—R. L. Pillow, Jr., A. L. Beason.
 Gillespie—Thos. J. Martin.
 Gonzales—W. M. Fly.
 Grayson—I. B. Reeves, Dan S. McMillin.
 Grimes—Dr. Oscar Davis, W. E. Neeley.
 Guadalupe—Rudolph Tschoepe.
 Hale—T. J. Tilson.
 Hamilton—T. M. White.
 Harris—Stanley Beard, Harry V. Fisher, R. H. Holland, J. H. Swope.
 Harrison—Myron G. Blalock, M. M. O'Banion.
 Haskell—Bruce W. Bryant.
 Hill—S. W. Tinner.
 Hood—Jess Baker.
 Hopkins—R. E. Bertram, B. H. Smith.
 Houston—J. D. Sallas.
 Hunt—J. F. Nichols, R. D. Thompson.
 Jack—Dr. J. W. McComb.
 Jasper—L. C. Stewart.
 Jefferson—Geo. C. O'Brien.
 Johnson—John H. Veatch.
 Jones—W. G. Blackmon.
 Kaufman—S. J. Osborne.
 Kimble—M. E. Blackburn.
 Lamar—Marvin P. McCoy, R. L. McDowra.
 Lavaca—W. T. Bagby.
 Lee—H. F. Schlosshan.
 Leon—W. D. Lacey.
 Limestone—A. H. Seawright.
 Lubbock—W. E. Bledsoe.
 McCulloch—T. J. Beasley.
 McLennan—W. A. Poage, F. M. Fitzpatrick, N. B. Williams.
 McMullen—W. A. Lowe.
 Midland—E. R. Bryan.
 Milam—C. M. Beard.
 Montague—Mack Trayler.
 Nacogdoches—W. E. Thomason.
 Navarro—C. E. Upchurch, J. H. Woods.
 Nolan—E. R. Spencer.
 Nueces—W. E. Pope.
 Orange—James T. Denton.
 Palo Pinto—C. W. Wilson.
 Panola—A. E. Meador.
 Parker—C. F. Sentell.
 Potter—J. W. Crudgington.
 Red River—T. T. Thompson.
 Robertson—F. S. Estes.
 Runnels—Wallace E. Hawkins.
 Rusk—G. W. Burton.
 San Jacinto—F. O. Fuller.
 San Patricio—J. C. Russell.
 Scurry—F. R. Smith.
 Shelby—Geo. E. B. Peddy.
 Smith—E. E. Bedell.
 Tarrant—Chas. A. Burton, I. T. Valentine, R. L. Carlock, Dr. C. E. Walker.
 Taylor—Eugene De Bogory.
 Titus—W. L. Hudspeth.
 Tom Green—Chas. B. Metcalfe.
 Travis—George Mendell, Jr., J. B. Robertson.
 Trinity—John B. Peyton.
 Tyler—S. W. Sholars.
 Upshur—J. B. Hill.
 Van Zandt—H. P. Davis.
 Waller—H. Laas.
 Washington—Sam D. W. Low.
 Webb—Walter Woodul.
 Wharton—F. J. Hardey.
 Wichita—E. R. Greenwood.
 Williamson—Howard Bland, R. F. Cates.
 Wilson—J. H. Brown.
 Wise—R. F. Spencer.
 Wood—J. B. Lee.
 Zavalla—J. F. Harris.

ROLL OF MEMBERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

The Honorable Secretary directed the Chief Clerk to call the roll of the members-elect in alphabetical order.

The roll was called, and the following members-elect answered to their names:

Bagby, W. T.
 Baker, Jess.
 Beard, Stanley, of Harris.

Beard, C. M., of Milam.
Beasley, T. J.
Beason, A. L.
Bedell, E. E.
Bell, W. S.
Bertram, R. E.
Blackburn, M. E.
Blackmon, W. G.
Blalock, Myron G.
Bland, Howard.
Bledsoe, W. H.
Boner, C. W.
Brown, J. H.
Bryan, E. R.
Bryant, Bruce W.
Burton, G. W., of Rusk.
Burton, Chas. A., of Tarrant.
Butler, W. R.
Cadenhead, B. F.
Canales, J. T.
Carlock, R. L.
Cates, R. F.
Clark, Henry.
Cope, W. D.
Cox, W. E.
Crudgington, J. W.
Davis, John E., of Dallas.
Davis, Dr. Oscar, of Grimes.
Davis, H. P., of Van Zandt.
De Bogory, Eugene.
Denton, James T.
Dodd, Dr. J. A.
Dudley, R. M.
Dunnam, W. V.
Estes, F. S.
Fairchild, I. D.
Fisher, Harry V.
Fitzpatrick, F. M.
Florer, Jas. A.
Fly, W. M.
Fuller, F. O.
Greenwood, E. R.
Haidusek, Geo. L.
Hardey, F. J.
Harris, J. F.
Hartman, A. C.
Hawkins, Wallace E.
Hill, J. B.
Holland, R. H.
Hudspeth, W. L.
Johnson, Jack.
Jones, R. H.
Laas, H.
Lacey, W. D.
Laney, Chas. O.
Lange, Ed. H.
Lanier, W. D.
Lee, J. B.
Lindemann, Frank F.
Lowe, W. A., of McMullen.
Low, Sam D. W., of Washington.
McComb, Dr. J. W.
McCoy, Marvin P.

McDowra, R. L.
McFarland, M. M.
McMillin, Dan S.
Martin, Thos. J.
Meador, A. E.
Mendell, Geo., Jr.
Metcalf, C. B.
Miller, H. J., of Austin.
Miller, Barry, of Dallas.
Monday, Chas. B.
Moore, John R.
Morris, Fred E.
Murrell, J. C.
Neeley, W. E.
Neill, D. J.
Nichols, Joseph F.
Nordhaus, Eugene.
O'Banion, M. M.
O'Brien, Geo. C.
Osborne, S. J.
Parks, J. W.
Peddy, Geo. E. B.
Peyton, John B.
Pillow, R. L., Jr.
Poage, W. A.
Pope, W. E.
Raiden, John M.
Reeves, Ice B.
Richards, C. F.
Robertson, J. B.
Roemer, Dr. Fred J.
Rogers, Woodville.
Russell, J. C.
Sackett, Henry.
Sallas, J. D.
Sentell, C. F.
Schlesinger, Wm.
Schlosshan, H. F.
Scholl, Louis H.
Seawright, A. H.
Sholars, S. W.
Smith, J. O., of Bastrop.
Smith, B. H., of Hopkins.
Smith, F. R., of Scurry.
Spencer, Edwin R., of Nolan.
Spencer, R. F., of Wise.
Spradley, Chas. M.
Stewart, L. C.
Strayhorn, Dr. L. P.
Swope, J. H.
Taylor, H. P.
Templeton, R. L.
Terrell, Geo. B.
Thomas, Chas. G.
Thomason, R. E., of El Paso.
Thomason, W. E., of Nacogdoches.
Thompson, R. D., of Hunt.
Thompson, T. T., of Red River.
Tillotson, Leonard.
Tilson, T. J.
Tinner, S. W.
Trayler, Mack.
Tschoepe, Rudolph.

Upchurch, C. E.
 Valentine, I. T.
 Veatch, John H.
 Wahrmond, Otto.
 Walker, Dr. C. E.
 White, T. M.
 Williams, W. T., of Brazoria.
 Williams, N. B., of McLennan.
 Williford, R. L.
 Wilson, C. W.
 Woods, J. H.
 Woodul, Walter.

The Honorable Secretary announced a quorum present.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

Bob Barker, temporary Chief Clerk of the House, under the order and direction of the Honorable Secretary of State, then administered the oath of office to the Representatives-elect, all of them present rising together and repeating the following oath, prescribed by the Constitution, as he read it to them:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State or out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

ROLL OF MEMBERS SHOWING DISTRICTS REPRESENTED.

The Honorable Secretary of State then filed with the Clerk the following list of the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, whose certificates of elec-

tion have been received by him and are on file in his office:

District No. 1. R. H. Jones of DeKalb, composed of the county of Bowie.

District No. 2. W. D. Lanier of Atlanta, composed of the county of Cass.

District No. 3. J. A. Dodd of Nash, composed of the counties of Bowie, Cass and Marion.

District No. 4. M. M. O'Banion of Marshall, composed of the county of Harrison.

District No. 5. A. E. Meador of Carthage, composed of the county of Panola.

District No. 6. G. W. Burton of Henderson, composed of the county of Rusk.

District No. 7. W. E. Thomason of Nacogdoches, composed of the county of Nacogdoches.

District No. 8. Geo. E. B. Peddy of Tenaha, composed of the county of Shelby.

District No. 9. L. C. Stewart of Magnolia Springs, composed of the counties of Jasper, Sabine and Newton.

District No. 10. I. D. Fairchild of Lufkin, composed of the counties of San Augustine and Angelina.

District No. 11. F. O. Fuller of Cold Springs, composed of the counties of Polk and San Jacinto.

District No. 12. S. W. Sholars of Woodville, composed of the counties of Tyler, Hardin and Liberty.

District No. 13. Geo. C. O'Brien of Beaumont, composed of the county of Jefferson.

District No. 14. Jas. T. Denton of Port Arthur, composed of the counties of Jefferson, Liberty and Orange.

District No. 15. Stanley Beard, J. H. Swope, H. V. Fisher and R. H. Holland, all of Houston, Texas, composed of the county of Harris.

District No. 16. R. L. Pillow, Jr., of Galveston, composed of the county of Galveston.

District No. 17. A. L. Beason of Galveston, composed of the counties of Galveston and Chambers.

District No. 18. H. Laas of Brookshire, composed of the counties of Fort Bend and Waller.

District No. 19. W. T. Williams of Angleton, composed of the counties of Brazoria and Matagorda.

District No. 20. John B. Peyton of Trinity, composed of the counties of Trinity and Walker.

District No. 21. W. E. Neeley of

Anderson, composed of the counties of Montgomery and Grimes.

District No. 22. Dr. Oscar Davis of Anderson, composed of the counties of Grimes and Brazos.

District No. 23. W. D. Lacey of Nor-mangee, composed of the counties of Madison and Leon.

District No. 24. J. D. Sallas of Crockett, composed of the county of Houston.

District No. 25. John R. Moore of Palestine, composed of the county of Anderson.

District No. 26. Geo. B. Terrell of Alto, composed of the county of Cherokee.

District No. 27. E. E. Bedell of Swan, composed of the county of Smith.

District No. 28. R. E. Yantis of Athens, composed of the counties of Smith and Henderson.

District No. 29. H. P. Davis of Canton, composed of the county of Van Zandt.

District No. 30. J. B. Lee of Quitman, R. F. D. No. 4, composed of the counties of Wood and Rains.

District No. 31. J. Ben Hill of Gilmer, composed of the counties of Camp and Upshur.

District No. 32. W. L. Hudspeth of Mt. Pleasant, composed of the counties of Titus and Morris.

District No. 33. T. T. Thompson of Clarksville, composed of the county of Red River.

District No. 34. R. E. Bertram of Sulphur Springs, composed of the county of Hopkins.

District No. 35. B. H. Smith of Birthright, composed of the counties of Hopkins, Delta and Franklin.

District No. 36. R. L. McDowra of Paris, composed of the county of Lamar.

District No. 37. John M. Raiden of Honey Grove, composed of the county of Fannin.

District No. 38. Marvin P. McCoy of Paris, composed of the counties of Lamar and Fannin.

District No. 39. R. D. Thompson of Greenville, composed of the county of Hunt.

District No. 40. Joseph F. Nichols of Greenville, composed of the counties of Hunt and Rockwall.

District No. 41. Woodville Rogers of McKinney, composed of the county of Collin.

District No. 42. I. B. Reeves of Sherman and Dan S. McMillin of White-

wright, composed of the county of Grayson.

District No. 43. C. M. Spradley of Allen, composed of the counties of Collin and Grayson.

District No. 44. Barry Miller, J. W. Parks, John E. Davis and Chas. O. Laney, all of Dallas, composed of the county of Dallas.

District No. 45. S. J. Osborne of Kaufman, composed of the county of Kaufman.

District No. 46. Chas. G. Thomas of Lewisville, composed of the county of Denton.

District No. 47. James A. Florer of Dallas, composed of the counties of Kaufman and Dallas.

District No. 48. J. C. Murrell of Gainesville, composed of the county of Cooke.

District No. 49. Mack Trayler of Forestburg, composed of the county of Montague.

District No. 50. R. French Spencer of Decatur, composed of the county of Wise.

District No. 51. C. F. Sentell of Weatherford, composed of the county of Parker.

District No. 52. C. E. Walker of Grapevine, R. L. Carlock and C. A. Burton of Fort Worth, composed of the county of Tarrant.

District No. 53. John H. Veatch of Joshua, composed of the county of Johnson.

District No. 54. I. T. Valentine of Fort Worth, composed of the counties of Tarrant and Denton.

District No. 55. W. E. Cox of Waxahachie and Jack Johnson of Palmer, composed of the county of Ellis.

District No. 56. S. W. Tinner of Whitney, composed of the county of Hill.

District No. 57. J. H. Woods of Corsicana, composed of the county of Navarro.

District No. 58. R. L. Williford of Fairfield, composed of the counties of Freestone and Navarro.

District No. 59. C. E. Upchurch of Corsicana, composed of the counties of Hill and Navarro.

District No. 60. A. H. Seawright of Groesbeck, composed of the county of Limestone.

District No. 61. W. A. Poage and N. B. Williams of Waco, composed of the county of McLennan.

District No. 62. Chas. B. Monday of Marlin, composed of the county of Falls.

District No. 63. F. M. Fitzpatrick

of Waco, composed of the counties of McLennan, Limestone and Falls.

District No. 64. F. S. Estes of Franklin, composed of the county of Robertson.

District No. 65. C. M. Beard of Milam, composed of the county of Milam.

District No. 66. W. R. Butler of Temple, composed of the county of Bell.

District No. 67. F. F. Lindemann of Bartlett, composed of the counties of Bell and Milam.

District No. 68. H. F. Schlosshan of Lexington, composed of the counties of Burleson and Lee.

District No. 69. S. D. W. Low of Brenham, composed of the county of Washington.

District No. 70. Geo. L. Haidusek of LaGrange, composed of the county of Fayette.

District No. 71. H. J. Miller of Bellville, composed of the counties of Austin and Colorado.

District No. 72. W. T. Bagby of Hallettsville, composed of the county of Lavaca.

District No. 73. T. J. Hardey of El Campo, composed of the counties of Wharton and Jackson.

District No. 74. Dr. Fred J. Roemer of Port Lavaca, composed of the counties of Victoria, Goliad and Calhoun.

District No. 75. J. C. Russell of Sinton, composed of the counties of Aransas, Refugio, San Patricio, Bee and Live Oak.

District No. 76. W. E. Pope of Corpus Christi, composed of the counties of Duval, Nueces and Jim Wells.

District No. 77. J. T. Canales of Brownsville, composed of the counties of Cameron, Willacy and Kleberg.

District No. 78. L. P. Strayhorn of Falfurrias, composed of the counties of Starr, Hidalgo and Brooks.

District No. 79. Walter Woodul of Laredo, composed of the counties of Webb and Zapata.

District No. 80. W. A. Lowe of Tilden, composed of the counties of Frio, Atascosa, McMullen and LaSalle.

District No. 81. A. C. Hartman of Cuero, composed of the counties of Karnes and DeWitt.

District No. 82. W. M. Fly of Gonzales, composed of the county of Gonzales.

District No. 83. Rudolph Tschoepe of Seguin, composed of the county of Guadalupe.

District No. 84. J. H. Brown of

Floresville, composed of the counties of Wilson and Karnes.

District No. 85. Edward H. Lange, Otto Wahrmund, Eugene S. Nordhaus and Wm. L. Schlesinger, all of San Antonio, composed of the county of Bexar.

District No. 86. C. F. Richards of Lockhart, composed of the county of Caldwell.

District No. 87. Thomas J. Martin of Fredericksburg, composed of the counties of Llano, Gillespie, Blanco and Kendall.

District No. 88. Louis H. Scholl of New Braunfels, composed of the counties of Hays and Comal.

District No. 89. J. Ben Robertson and Geo. Mendell, Jr., of Austin, composed of the county of Travis.

District No. 90. J. O. Smith of Elgin, composed of the county of Bastrop.

District No. 91. Howard Bland of Taylor, composed of the county of Williamson.

District No. 92. R. F. Cates of Bartlett, composed of the counties of Williamson and Burnet.

District No. 93. W. V. Dunnam of Gatesville, composed of the counties of Coryell and Lampasas.

District No. 94. T. M. White of Hamilton, composed of the counties of Mills and Hamilton.

District No. 95. F. E. Morris of Meridian, composed of the counties of Johnson and Bosque.

District No. 96. Henry Clark of Sisk, composed of the county of Erath.

District No. 97. Jess Baker of Granbury, composed of the counties of Hood, Somervell and Erath.

District No. 98. O. W. Wilson of Mineral Wells, composed of the counties of Palo Pinto and Stephens.

District No. 99. Dr. J. W. McComb of Jacksboro, composed of the counties of Young and Jack.

District No. 100. C. W. Boner of Bellevue, composed of the counties of Clay and Archer.

District No. 101. E. R. Greenwood of Wichita Falls, composed of the counties of Wichita and Wilbarger.

District No. 102. Bruce W. Bryant of Haskell, composed of the counties of Baylor, Throckmorton and Haskell.

District No. 103. W. S. Bell of Crowell, composed of the counties of Hardeman, Foard and Knox.

District No. 104. W. D. Cope of Childress, composed of the counties of Cottle, Motley, Childress and Hall.

District No. 105. Fritz R. Smith of Snyder, composed of the counties of Dickens, Kent, King, Stonewall and Scurry.

District No. 106. W. G. Blackmon of Avoca, composed of the counties of Jones and Shackelford.

District No. 107. Eugene De Bogory of Abilene, composed of the county of Taylor.

District No. 108. D. J. Neill of Gorman, composed of the counties of Callahan and Eastland.

District No. 109. B. F. Cadenhead of Comanche, composed of the county of Comanche.

District No. 110. H. P. Taylor of May, composed of the counties of Brown and Callahan.

District No. 111. Wallace E. Hawkins of Winters, composed of the counties of Coke and Runnels.

District No. 112. Henry Sackett of Burkett, composed of the counties of Coleman and Concho.

District No. 113. C. B. Metcalfe of San Angelo, composed of the counties of Sterling, Irion, Tom Green and Schleicher.

District No. 114. T. J. Beasley of Mercury, composed of the counties of McCulloch and San Saba.

District No. 115. M. E. Blackburn of Junction, composed of the counties of Sutton, Real, Kimble, Kerr, Bandera, Edwards, Crockett, Mason and Menard.

District No. 116. J. F. Harris of Cometa, composed of the counties of Uvalde, Medina, Zavala and Dimmit.

District No. 117. M. M. McFarland of Alpine, composed of the counties of Maverick, Kinney, Val Verde, Terrell, Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis.

District No. 118. R. M. Dudley of El Paso, composed of the county of El Paso.

District No. 119. R. E. Thomason of El Paso, composed of the counties of El Paso and Culberson.

District No. 120. E. R. Bryan of Midland, composed of the counties of Reeves, Pecos, Ward, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Glasscock, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Martin and Howard.

District No. 121. E. R. Spencer of Sweetwater, composed of the counties of Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher.

District No. 122. W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock, composed of the counties of Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Borden, Dawson, Gaines, Andrews, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Lubbock, Hockley and Cochran.

District No. 123. T. J. Tilson of Plainview, composed of the counties of Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Swisher, Castro, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Randall and Armstrong.

District No. 124. R. L. Templeton of Wellington, composed of the counties of Donley, Collingsworth, Gray, Wheeler, Hemphill, Roberts, Lipscomb and Ochiltree.

District No. 125. J. W. Crudgington of Amarillo, composed of the counties of Carson, Hutchinson, Hansford, Sherman, Moore, Potter, Oldham, Hartley and Dallam.

District No. 126. Myron G. Blalock of Marshall, composed of the counties of Harrison and Gregg.

District No. 127. Leonard Tillotson of Sealy, composed of the counties of Burleson, Lee, Fayette, Waller, Fort Bend, Austin and Colorado.

The State of Texas,
Department of State.

I, C. J. Bartlett, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list of the persons elected to the office of Representative from the various Representative districts of the State of Texas, together with their postoffice addresses, as the same now appears on the records of the Department of State, authenticated by the proper certificates of election from the proper returning officers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of State, at my office in the city of Austin, Texas, this the 8th day of January, A. D. 1917.

C. J. BARTLETT,
(Seal.) Secretary of State.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

The Honorable Secretary of State then announced that the next business in order is the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Reading Clerk call the roll and as each member's name is called he walk to the Reading Clerk's desk and place his ballot for Speaker in a hat.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

The Honorable Secretary then announced that nominations for Speaker of the House are now in order.

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant of Haskell county nominated Hon. F. O. Fuller of San Jacinto county.

Hon. George B. Terrell of Cherokee county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

Hon. Wala'ce E. Hawkins of Runnels county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

Hon. James H. Woods of Navarro county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

Hon. R. F. Spencer of Wise county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

Hon. James A. Florer of Dallas county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

Hon. W. M. Fly of Gonzales county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

Hon. George Mendell, Jr., of Travis county seconded the nomination of Hon. F. O. Fuller.

The Honorable Secretary declared nominations closed, and directed the Clerk to call the roll and requested each member as his name was called to come forward and deposit his ballot.

The Honorable Secretary then appointed the following tellers to count the ballots:

Mr. Spradley, Mr. Thomason of El Paso, Mr. Monday and Mr. Blalock.

The ballots having been counted by the tellers, the result was announced as follows:

Hon. F. O. Fuller received 140 votes.

The Honorable Secretary then declared Hon. F. O. Fuller duly elected to be Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Speaker's stand:

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches, Mr. Bryant and Mr. McFarland.

The committee having performed their duty, the Honorable Secretary administered the oath of office to the Speaker-elect and presented him to the House.

Speaker Fuller then addressed the House, thanking the members for the honor conferred upon him, as follows:

"Mr. Secretary, Gentlemen of the House, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"This is indeed one of the proudest moments of my life; I had rather receive the unanimous support of this body—I had rather have this honor conferred upon me—than to have almost any office within the gift of the people. It would be folly for me to

undertake in words to express to you my sincere gratitude for this honor. Suffice to say that I am indeed grateful to my many friends in the Legislature and my friends throughout this State who have made my success possible. I want to say to you that as the years go by this gratitude will be deepened, and time shall never erase from my memory this great honor that has been conferred upon me by you this evening.

"To those who have stood by me in this contest during the past months, I want to say to you that I shall ever be your friend; that I shall ever go at your beck and when you need my assistance. To those who have seen proper to differ from my opinions, today I wish to say to you that I extend to you the glad hand of friendship and brotherly love.

"When I entered this campaign over a year ago I promised myself and my God that there would be not one word said by me by implication or otherwise, neither would I permit my friends to say an unkind word, with reference to anyone who might oppose me; and I have religiously adhered to that principle, even to the present. And I want to say with reference to my opponents that they have conducted this campaign upon a high plane, and I am glad we have demonstrated to Texas that a campaign can be conducted as true Democrats and citizens without the ordinary politics that accompany the usual campaign.

"It shall be my purpose to assist you as much as is within my power to do so; it shall be my purpose to see, so far as I am able, that this Legislature is a business Legislature—that we work in harmony and in unity; yet I wish to say to you that it shall be my purpose to try and preside fairly and impartially, and it shall be my purpose to not undertake to dictate the policies of this House; it shall be my purpose to not undertake to force upon you my views; because of all questions, I believe that the question of tolerance is the greatest attribute that applies to the American citizen.

"You may differ with me; you may be right and I may be wrong; and from my point of view this is the spirit in which this Legislature should work and labor. The greatest question that is confronting this Legislature is the development of this State. I do not mean by that that there are no other questions, but Texas,

as we all know, is yet a frontier. We know that the latent resources of Texas have not been developed, and for that as well as many other reasons, it behooves the Texas Legislature as well as the citizenship of this great State to see to it that a better understanding and a better feeling exist between the various interests of this State and the people in general.

"I believe that a legislator should represent all the people, should represent all interests fairly and impartially, and that he should keep in mind the best interest and the good of all the people.

"And again, I will say to you, that the success of this Legislature will very largely be in proportion to the co-operation of this branch with the co-ordinate branches, for the reason that this Legislature should work in harmony with all the branches of the government to the end that the most be accomplished for the good of Texas, ever keeping in mind that the Democratic forms of government are the best and for the best interest of all the people.

"Democracy is a truth; truth is eternal. The principles that went to make up the virtues of the manhood and womanhood of my father and your father and of my mother and of yours are as applicable today to manhood and womanhood as they were yesterday. The principles of Christianity of the years gone are the same today; the customs may change in some respects, yet the principle remains the same. The government as inaugurated by our forefathers back in the days of the Colonies should be today what it was then, and we should ever keep in mind that as long as we adhere to that principle, just so long will the ship of State move serenely over the sea. But I fear it is a tendency of this government to lean in the other direction, toward that of centralization; and from my point of view, it behooves especially the Texas Legislature that we adhere to the Democratic principles as laid down by our forefathers. We should stand first in the principles that we represent, ever remembering the cause of our constituency and keeping it uppermost in our lives and in our hearts and especially in our acts in this body; yet we should not lose sight of the fact that tolerance, as we said, in the beginning is the greatest of virtues, and while we differ on some of the principles of government, yet if we expect to get the greatest results from our labors here we should realize that it is our duty to work in

harmony and realize that the other fellow has some rights, and yet at the same time take him to our bosom as our brother.

"In conclusion, I wish to say to you gentlemen of the House, that in the organization of this House, that is, with respect to your elective officers, I have no preference nor choice; that is a question for you to determine. I shall not undertake in any manner, as I have said before, to force upon you my views on any question. I do not know that I will, but I may at times try to persuade you on certain measures, but I shall never undertake as your presiding officer, in any measure to dictate the policies of this House.

"I realize that I have a great task before me; I realize that the organization of this House is a great question within itself,—that this House should be organized, keeping in mind that the first principle should be that of efficiency; and when I go to make appointments, that will be my greatest purpose. You should understand that it will be impossible for me probably to please you all. You may differ with me on many questions, you all may differ with me on some questions, but I will say to you that I shall do my best. So far as the appointive officers are concerned, and in the organization of this House along clerical lines the paramount thought will be efficiency. I will say it is impossible for me to succeed without the co-operation of this body; it would have been impossible for me to have been elected without the co-operation and assistance of my friends; and just so, without your co-operation and assistance, it will be impossible for me to succeed. Just in proportion as you assist me and each other along these various lines, just in that proportion will this House succeed. I now ask what is the pleasure of the House?"

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO THE SPEAKER.

Hon. R. L. Templeton, on behalf of the citizens of Austin, presented to the Speaker a gavel made by Mr. J. C. Adrian, of Austin.

SELECTION OF SEATS.

Mr. Mendell then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members now proceed to the selection of seats in the usual way, and that all members, blind or deaf, all members partially blind or

deaf, and all members over sixty years of age be permitted to select their seats before the general drawing.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Mr. Nordhaus moved that Mr. Florer, Mr. Fly, Mr. Mendell and Mr. Spencer of Wise be permitted to select their seats before the general drawing.

The motion prevailed.

The provisions of the resolution by Mr. Mendell were then carried out, each member coming forward and selecting his seat as his name was called by the temporary Reading Clerk.

ADOPTING TEMPORARY RULES.

Mr. Mendell moved that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth Legislature be enforced until the adoption of permanent rules by the House.

The Speaker stated that unless there was objection to the motion of Mr. Mendell, it would be so ordered.

There was no objection offered.

(Mr. Tillotson in the chair.)

RECESS.

Mr. Bland moved that the House recess to 3 o'clock p. m. today.

Mr. Cope moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Bland prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 1:55 o'clock p. m., took recess to 3 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTER RECESS.

The House met at 3 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

COMPLETING ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in voting for officers of the House, where the result shows no candidate has received a majority of all votes cast, that we proceed to voting by dropping the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes, until one candidate shall receive a majority of all votes cast.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

(Mr. Bryan in the chair.)

Mr. Mendell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Repre-

sentatives now proceed to complete its organization by the election of the following officers in order named:

First—One Chief Clerk.

Second—One Sergeant-at-Arms.

Third—One Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Fourth—One Reading Clerk.

Fifth—One Assistant Reading Clerk.

Sixth—One Journal Clerk.

Seventh—One Calendar Clerk.

Eighth—One Enrolling Clerk.

Ninth—One Engrossing Clerk.

Tenth—One Doorkeeper.

Eleventh—One Assistant Doorkeeper.

Twelfth—One Chaplain.

That a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

Each of said officers shall receive \$5 per day for his services, with the exception of Chief Clerk, who shall, in addition to his duties, perform the services heretofore performed by the Warrant Clerk, and shall receive a salary of \$6 per day.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved that all nominating speeches be limited to one minute.

The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK.

Hon. J. W. Crudgington of Potter county nominated Bob Barker of Bexar county for Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Hon. J. B. Hill of Upshur county nominated J. J. Stephens of Upshur county.

Hon. Myron G. Blalock of Harrison county seconded the nomination of J. J. Stephens.

Hon. W. V. Dunnam of Coryell county seconded the nomination of Bob Barker.

Hon. J. H. Veatch of Johnson county seconded the nomination of J. J. Stephens.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following tellers:

To take up the ballots: Messrs. Stewart, Bell, Beard of Harris and Neeley.

To count the ballots: Messrs. Sackett, Dunnam, Cope and Lange.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

Bob Barker received 86 votes.

J. J. Stephens received 50 votes.

Bob Barker having received a major-

ity of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Chief Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Hon. R. H. Jones of Bowie county nominated Stuart Francis of Travis county for Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

Hon. R. L. Carlock of Tarrant county nominated John M. Payne of Tarrant county.

Hon. George Mendell, Jr., of Travis county seconded the nomination of Stuart Francis.

Hon. Jack Johnson of Ellis county seconded the nomination of John M. Payne.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker directed the same tellers acting before to take up and count the ballots.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

Stuart Francis received 84 votes.

John M. Payne received 55 votes.

Stuart Francis having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Hon. A. L. Beason of Chambers county nominated L. P. Archer of Bell county.

Hon. J. A. Dodd of Bowie county nominated J. D. Jarrett of Bowie county.

Hon. T. T. Thompson of Red River county seconded the nomination of J. D. Jarrett.

Hon. Howard Bland of Williamson county seconded the nomination of L. P. Archer.

Hon. Frank F. Lindemann of Bell county seconded the nomination of L. P. Archer.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker directed the same tellers acting before to take up and count the ballots.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

L. P. Archer received 98 votes.

J. D. Jarrett received 36 votes.

L. P. Archer, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

ELECTION OF READING CLERK.

Hon. Myron G. Blalock of Harrison county nominated O. P. Basford of Travis county for Reading Clerk.

Hon. Chas. B. Metcalfe of Tom Green county seconded the nomination of O. P. Basford.

Hon. L. C. Stewart of Jasper county seconded the nomination of O. P. Basford.

Hon. W. D. Cope of Childress county moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the House for O. P. Basford for Reading Clerk.

The motion prevailed unanimously, and O. P. Basford was declared duly elected Reading Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT READING CLERK.

Hon. N. B. Williams of McLennan county nominated T. B. Reese of Milam county for Assistant Reading Clerk of the House.

Hon. C. M. Beard of Milam county seconded the nomination of T. B. Reese.

Hon. Thos. J. Martin of Gillespie county nominated William Connerly of Hays county for Assistant Reading Clerk of the House.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker directed the same tellers acting before to take up and count the ballots.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

T. B. Reese received 109 votes.

William Connerly received 21 votes.

T. B. Reese, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Assistant Reading Clerk of the House.

Mr. Beason moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to assign the temporary pages to proper places on the floor of the House.

The motion prevailed.

ELECTION OF JOURNAL CLERK.

Hon. James H. Woods of Navarro county nominated J. L. Robinson of Leon county for Journal Clerk.

Hon. W. D. Lacey of Leon county seconded the nomination of J. L. Robinson, and moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the House for J. L. Robinson for Journal Clerk.

The motion prevailed unanimously, and J. L. Robinson was declared duly elected Journal Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF CALENDAR CLERK.

Hon. Leonard Tillotson of Austin county nominated B. F. Harigel of Fayette county for Calendar Clerk.

Hon. C. E. Upchurch of Navarro county nominated Ed. Graham of Hill county for Calendar Clerk.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker directed the same tellers acting before to take up and count the ballots.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

B. F. Harigel received 38 votes.

Ed. Graham received 92 votes.

Ed. Graham having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Calendar Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF ENROLLING CLERK.

Hon. N. B. Williams of McLennan county nominated J. T. Robison of Limestone county for Enrolling Clerk, and moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the House for J. T. Robison.

The motion prevailed unanimously, and J. T. Robison was declared duly elected Enrolling Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF ENGROSSING CLERK.

Hon. S. J. Osborne of Kaufman county nominated Laten Stanberry of Kaufman county for Engrossing Clerk.

Hon. Jas. A. Florer of Dallas county seconded the nomination of Laten Stanberry, and moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the House for Laten Stanberry for Engrossing Clerk.

The motion prevailed unanimously, and Laten Stanberry was declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk of the House.

ELECTION OF DOORKEEPER.

Hon. C. W. Boner of Clay county nominated J. K. Lane of Freestone county for Doorkeeper of the House.

Hon. R. L. Williford of Freestone county seconded the nomination of J. K. Lane.

Hon. C. M. Beard of Milam county seconded the nomination of J. K. Lane.

Hon. J. W. Crudginton of Potter county moved that the Chief Clerk be instructed to cast the ballot of the House for J. K. Lane for Doorkeeper.

The motion prevailed unanimously, and J. K. Lane was declared duly elected Doorkeeper of the House.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT DOORKEEPER.

Hon. Edward H. Lange of Bexar county nominated M. G. Jackson of

Bexar county for Assistant Doorkeeper of the House.

Hon. D. J. Neill of Eastland county seconded the nomination of M. G. Jackson.

Hon. C. M. Spradley of Collin county nominated H. T. Dunaway of Grayson county.

Hon. D. S. McMillin of Grayson county seconded the nomination of H. T. Dunaway.

Hon. J. B. Hill of Upshur county nominated J. C. Adrian of Travis county.

Hon. J. B. Robertson of Travis county seconded the nomination of J. C. Adrian.

Hon. Barry Miller of Dallas county seconded the nomination of M. G. Jackson.

Hon. W. H. Ponge of McLennan county seconded the nomination of J. C. Adrian.

Hon. W. T. Williams of Brazoria county seconded the nomination of H. T. Dunaway.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared nominations closed and directed the same tellers acting before to take up and count the ballots.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

M. G. Jackson received 51 votes.

H. T. Dunaway received 56 votes.

J. C. Adrian received 27 votes.

There being no election, the Speaker directed a second ballot to be taken.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

M. G. Jackson received 71 votes.

H. T. Dunaway received 61 votes.

M. G. Jackson having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Assistant Doorkeeper of the House.

ELECTION OF CHAPLAIN.

Hon. N. B. Williams of McLennan county nominated Rev. H. M. Whaling of Travis county for Chaplain of the House.

Hon. W. V. Dunnam of Coryell county nominated Rev. W. P. Hill of Grayson county.

Hon. R. D. Thompson of Hunt county seconded the nomination of Rev. W. P. Hill.

Hon. Woodville Rogers of Collin county nominated Rev. J. C. Mitchell of Travis county.

Hon. J. B. Robertson of Travis county seconded the nomination of Rev. J. C. Mitchell.

Hon. W. T. Williams of Brazoria county seconded the nomination of Rev. H. M. Whaling.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker directed the same tellers acting before to take up and count the ballots.

The ballots being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

Rev. H. M. Whaling received 57 votes.

Rev. J. C. Mitchell received 73 votes.

Rev. W. P. Hill received 6 votes.

Rev. J. C. Mitchell having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chaplain of the House.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

The oath of office was administered to the Chief Clerk by the Speaker of the House.

The oath of office was administered by the Chief Clerk to the following elected officers:

Stuart Francis, Sergeant-at-Arms.

L. P. Archer, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

O. P. Basford, Reading Clerk.

J. L. Robinson, Journal Clerk.

Ed Graham, Calendar Clerk.

J. T. Robison, Enrolling Clerk.

Laten Stanberry, Engrossing Clerk.

J. K. Lane, Doorkeeper.

M. G. Jackson, Assistant Doorkeeper.

COMMITTEES TO NOTIFY GOVERNOR AND SENATE.

Mr. Butler offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint two committees of three members each; one of said committees to notify the Governor and one to notify the Senate that the House is now organized and ready for the transaction of business.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committees:

To notify the Governor: Messrs. Fly, Florer and Peyton.

To notify the Senate: Messrs. Nichols, Williams of Brazoria, and Low of Washington.

TEMPORARY STENOGRAPHERS.

Mr. Spradley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint fifteen temporary stenographers, whose

compensation shall be \$5.00 per day, each stenographer to furnish his or her own machine, and that the Speaker appoint a committee of three to determine the qualifications of such stenographers.

Signed—Spradley, Tillotson, McFarland, Florer.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

The Speaker then announced the appointment of the following committee to determine the qualifications of the applicants for appointments as stenographers:

Messrs. Bledsoe, Swope, Bryant and Davis of Grimes.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Canales moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Spradley moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Spradley prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 5:45 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

(Wednesday, January 10, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Cates.
Baker.	Clark.
Beard of Harris.	Cope.
Beard of Milam.	Cox.
Beasley.	Crudgington.
Beason.	Davis of Dallas.
Bedell.	Davis of Grimes.
Bell.	Davis
Bertram.	of Van Zandt.
Blackburn.	De Bogory.
Blackmon.	Denton.
Bialock.	Dodd.
Bland.	Dudley.
Bledsoe.	Dunnam.
Boner.	Estes.
Brown.	Fairchild.
Bryan.	Fisher.
Bryant.	Fitzpatrick.
Burton of Rusk.	Florer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Fly.
Butler.	Greenwood.
Cadenhead.	Haidusek.
Canales.	Hardey.
Carlock.	Harris.